

## CONGRESSIONAL RECORD SUMMARY

Monday, June 17, 2002

### SENATE

#### Measures Introduced:

**S. 2629.** *A bill to provide for an agency assessment, independent review, and Inspector General report on privacy and data protection policies of Federal agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.*

Daschle

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#### S. 2600 - Terrorism Risk Insurance Act:

*Senate continued consideration of S. 2600, to ensure the continued financial capacity of insurers to provide coverage for risks from terrorism, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:*

*Pages S 5624-27, D 624*

#### **Pending:**

**Brownback Amendment No. 3843, to prohibit the patentability of human organisms.**

*Pages S 5624-25, D 624*

*"...The Patent Office has issued a statement that it believes they should not grant patents on human clones, that this is a violation of the 13th amendment to the Constitution on slavery. [ ] But there is a rub here because the Patent Office is being asked to issue these patents on people. They are saying, no, we should not grant these. A number of lawyers are challenging that and saying: What is a human clone? What is the young human embryo. They are stating: It is not a person, it is a piece of property; therefore, we can patent this. That is why we want to have clarity coming out of the Congress--a clear determination that you cannot patent a person. That should be illegal and should back up the position of the Patent and Trademarks Office..." (Page S 5624)*

**Ensign Amendment No. 3844 (to Amendment No. 3843), to prohibit the patentability of human organisms.**

*Pages S 5624, D 624*

*A motion was entered to close further debate on Brownback Amendment No. 3843 (listed above) and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a cloture vote will occur on Wednesday, June 19, 2002.*

*Pages S 5625, D 624*

**Senate will continue consideration** of the bill on Tuesday, June 18, 2002, with a vote on the motion to close further debate on the bill to occur at approximately 9:45 a.m.

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#### Executive Communications:

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**EC-7464.** A communication from the Senior Attorney, Federal Register Officer, Financial Management Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled **"Endorsement and Payment of Checks Drawn on the United States Treasury" (RIN1510-AA45)** received on May 23, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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**Petitions and Memorials:**

The following was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:  
**POM-250.** *A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming relative to judicial taxation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.*

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**Committee Meetings for Tuesday, June 18, 2002:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Committee on the Judiciary:** @ 10:00 a.m. *To hold hearings to examine proposals to reform the death penalty. SD-226.*

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**Memorials:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **No. 294.** *Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Wyoming, relative to Enrolled Joint Resolution No. 2 memorializing the United States Congress to propose and submit to the several states for ratification an amendment to the Constitution of the United States on the subject of judicial taxation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.*

**No. 295.** *Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of North Dakota, relative to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4028 memorializing the United States Congress that the Legislative Assembly rescinds all applications to call a convention pursuant to the terms of Article V of the United States Constitution for proposing amendments to that Constitution and urging the legislative bodies in other states to take similar action; to the Committee on the Judiciary.*

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**Committee Meetings:**

**Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources** held a hearing on *“Homeland Security Reorganization: What Impact on Federal Law Enforcement and Drug Interdiction?”*

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**Committee Meetings for Tuesday, June 18, 2002:**

**Committee on Government Reform:** @ 10:00 a.m. Subcommittee on Government Efficiency, Financial Management, and Intergovernmental Relations, hearing on **H.R. 1081, *Accountability for Presidential Records Act.*** 2154 Rayburn.

**Committee on Government Reform:** @ 3:00 p.m. Subcommittee on Government Efficiency, Financial Management, and Intergovernmental Relations, to mark up the following bills: **H.R. 4685, *Accountability of Tax Dollars Act of 2002***; **H.R. 4978, *Improper Payments Reduction Act of 2002.*** 2154 Rayburn.

**Committee Meetings for Tuesday, June 18, 2002 (Cont.):**

**Committee on the Judiciary: @ 10:00 a.m.** *To continue markup of H.R. 3215, Combating Illegal Gambling Reform and Modernization Act; and to mark up the followings bills: H.R. 1452, Family Reunification Act of 2001; H.R. 4623, Child Obscenity and Pornography Prevention Act of 2002; H.R. 4477, Sex Tourism Prohibition Improvement Act of 2002; H.R. 4679, Lifetime Consequences for Sex Offenders Act of 2002; H.R. 4858, to improve access to physicians in medically underserved areas; H. Res. 417, recognizing and honoring the career and work of Justice C. Clifton Young; and H.R. 4864, Anti-Terrorism Explosives Act of 2002. 2141 Rayburn.*

**Committee on the Judiciary: @ 4:00 p.m.** *Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on H.R. 912, Innocence Protection Act of 2001. 2237 Rayburn.*

**Remarks:**

Fighting Terrorism Does Not Mean Ignoring our own Constitution.

Frank

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**Tribute to Magistrate Judge John “Jack” Mason.**

*“...In 1985, Jack Mason was appointed a Federal magistrate judge. His ability to speak fluent German, along with his knowledge of Italian, French, Spanish, Korean, and Arabic, made his performance of naturalization ceremonies a sight to behold. He took great pleasure from knowing that people could comfortably communicate their concerns to him in the language of their choice...”*

Luther

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**Immigration Policy.**

*“...We have not as a country faced up to the problems of immigration on the scale that we presently see it. It will change America, maybe for the good, maybe for ill. But regardless of one's position on this, as I say, I believe it deserves the debate that this kind of a forum offers...”*

Tancredo

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**Next SENATE MEETING: Tuesday, 9:30 a.m., June 18, 2002.**

**Next HOUSE MEETING: Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., June 18, 2002.**

**OLA: S. Schwarz, A. Santos**